

WAC 173-350-300 On-site storage, collection, and transportation standards. (1) **On-site storage, collection and transportation standards - Applicability.** These standards apply to the temporary storage of solid waste in a container at a premises, business establishment, or industry and the collecting and transporting of the solid waste.

(2) **On-site storage.**

(a) The owner or occupant of any premises, business establishment, or industry is responsible for the safe and sanitary storage of all containerized solid wastes accumulated at those premises.

(b) The owner, operator, or occupant of any premises, business establishment, or industry must store solid wastes in containers that meet the following requirements:

(i) Disposable containers must be sufficiently strong to allow lifting without breakage and must be thirty-two gallons in capacity or less where manual handling is practiced;

(ii) Reusable containers, except for detachable containers, must be:

(A) Rigid and durable;

(B) Corrosion resistant;

(C) Nonabsorbent and water tight;

(D) Rodent-proof and easily cleanable;

(E) Equipped with a close-fitting cover;

(F) Suitable for handling with no sharp edges or other hazardous conditions; and

(G) Equal to or less than thirty-two gallons in volume where manual handling is practiced;

(iii) Detachable containers must be durable, corrosion-resistant, nonabsorbent, nonleaking and have either a solid cover or screen cover to prevent littering.

(c) In compliance with WAC 173-345-040 and RCW 70.95.020, all sites where recyclable materials are generated and transported for recycling must provide a separate container for nonrecyclable materials (solid waste).

(3) **Collection and transportation standards.**

(a) All persons collecting or transporting solid waste must avoid littering at the loading point, during transport and during proper unloading of the solid waste.

(b) Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of solid waste must be tightly covered or screened where littering may occur, durable and of easily cleanable construction. Where garbage is being collected or transported, containers must be cleaned as necessary to prevent nuisance odors and insect breeding and must be maintained in good repair.

(c) Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of any solid waste must be loaded and moved in a manner that the containers will not fail, and the contents will not spill or leak. Where such spillage or leakage does occur the waste must be picked up immediately by the collector or transporter and returned to the vehicle or container and the area properly cleaned.

(d) All persons commercially collecting or transporting solid waste must inspect collection and transportation vehicles at least monthly. Inspection records must be maintained at the facility normally used to park vehicles or other location that maintenance records are kept. Records must be kept for a period of at least two years, and be made available upon the request of the jurisdictional health department.

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